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NAIROBI FOR RSS, TUNIS FOR RSO

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION IN SUBJECT LINE)  
E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ:MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT, AMERICAN  
EMBASSY ALGIERS

REF: ALGIERS 02408

1. ALL CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF DEPARTMENT NOW CONCUR THAT  
POST SHOULD FORWARD FORMAL REQUEST TO HOST GOVERNMENT FOR  
CONCURRENCE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE DETACHMENT IN  
ALGIERS. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR POST'S CONSID-  
ERATION IN PREPARING FORMAL REQUEST:

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A. MARINES ARE TO BE MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECH-  
NICAL STAFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GUARD SERVICE FOR  
THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT PREMISES.  
AS SUCH, GUARANTEES OF IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL JURIS-  
DICTION FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY  
MUST BE OBTAINED FROM HOST GOVERNMENT.

. B. IT MAY BE STRESSED THAT THE USE OF MARINE GUARDS AT OUR FOREIGN SERVICE MISSIONS IS A COMMON PRACTICE FOR PROVIDING INTERNAL SECURITY SAFEGUARDS. MARINES ARE PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO OUR MISSIONS IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY OF THE WORLD. FURTHER, THAT THE EMPLOYMENT OF

MARINE GUARDS IS IN NO WAY MEANT TO REFLECT UPON THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE EXTERNAL PROTECTION TO OUR PREMISES.

C. UNLESS POST FEELS THAT MENTION AT THIS TIME WOULD ADVERSELY EFFECT HOST GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF MARINE DETACHMENT, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT MARINE GUARDS WILL BE IN UNIFORM AND ARMED WITH .38 CAL. REVOLVER WHILE ON DUTY INSIDE THE EMBASSY. AT NO TIME WOULD MARINE BE PERMITTED TO BEAR ARMS OR BE IN UNIFORM WHILE OFF OFFICIAL U.S. PREMISES. SHOULD POST FEEL HOST GOVERNMENT WILL REACT ADVERSELY TO THE PROPOSAL OF ARMED MARINES, THEN PROPOSAL THAT MARINE NOT CARRY WEAPON, BUT HAVE WEAPON AVAILABLE IN DESK ON POST MAY BE SUGGESTED. HOWEVER, THIS METHOD OF PROVIDING MARINE GUARD WITH MEANS TO PROTECT HIMSELF AND POST IS LEAST DESIRABLE AND DEPARTMENT MUST OBTAIN MARINE CORPS CONCURRENCE FOR DEVIATION FROM STANDARD POLICY.

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2. ONCE HOST GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE IS OBTAINED, NOTIFY NEA BUREAU AND A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG SO THAT APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN. INCLUDE DATE POST DESIRES FORMAL ACTIVATION OF DETACHMENT. DATE SELECTED SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION LEAD TIMES FOR IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT OF APPROPRIATE QUARTERS FOR DETACHMENT.

3. MINIMUM SIZE DETACHMENT FOR EMBASSY HAVING ONE 24 HR. POST IS ONE NCOIC AND FIVE WATCHSTANDERS. NUMBER OF MARINES REQUESTED SHOULD BE BASED UPON NUMBER OF POSTS ANTICIPATED AND MINIMUM DUTY HOURS OF 40 PER WEEK PER MAN.

4. QUARTERS TO HOUSE MARINES MUST BE OBTAINED AND AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY UPON ARRIVAL OF MARINES. QUARTERS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE BEDROOM FOR EACH MARINE WITH ADEQUATE RECREATIONAL AND COMMON AREAS. BEING, DINNERWARE, SILVERWARE AND CLEANING SUPPLIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL OF MARINES. NCOIC MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS AND, WHETHER ACCOMPANIED OR NOT, MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SEPARATE FULLY FURNISHED QUARTERS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WHEN POST REACHES POINT WHERE IT HAS

IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL HOUSING, MARINE COMPANY COMMANDER, COMPANY "B", KARACHI, BE INVITED TO VISIT POST AND COMMENT ON HOUSING ADEQUACY.

5. OFFICE FOR NCOIC MUST BE PROVIDED IN EMBASSY AND, IF POSSIBLE, OFFICE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MARINE POST IN LOBBY. MINIMUM EQUIPMENT FOR THIS OFFICE

WOULD INCLUDE DESK, CHAIR, BAR LOCK CABINET, BOOK CASE, TYPEWRITER, AND OFFICE SUPPLIES.

6. FOR INFORMATION, 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815 PERTAIN TO MARINE SECURITY GUARD PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, A COPY OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD HANDBOOK, WHICH CONTAINS COPY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPARTMENT'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARINE CORPS, IS BEING MAILED TO POST THIS DATE.

7. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY POST CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING RSO, TUNIS, OR MARINE SECURITY GUARD BRANCH OF A/SY/OPS/FO.

8. FOR RSO TUNIS: PLEASE PROVIDE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MSG POSTS AT ALGIERS WITH BRIEF SUMMARY OF DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED. CHRISTOPHER.

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